

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

City	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
Tel Aviv	15-20	10-15	10-15
Jerusalem	10-15	10-15	10-15
Haifa	10-15	10-15	10-15
Ramat Gan	10-15	10-15	10-15
Bnei Brak	10-15	10-15	10-15
Ramla	10-15	10-15	10-15
Be'er Sheva	10-15	10-15	10-15
Dimona	10-15	10-15	10-15
Hebron	10-15	10-15	10-15
Nablus	10-15	10-15	10-15
Tripoli	10-15	10-15	10-15
Beirut	10-15	10-15	10-15
Damascus	10-15	10-15	10-15
Baghdad	10-15	10-15	10-15
Tehran	10-15	10-15	10-15
London	10-15	10-15	10-15
Paris	10-15	10-15	10-15
Rome	10-15	10-15	10-15
Moscow	10-15	10-15	10-15
Washington	10-15	10-15	10-15
New York	10-15	10-15	10-15
San Francisco	10-15	10-15	10-15
Hong Kong	10-15	10-15	10-15
Shanghai	10-15	10-15	10-15
Canton	10-15	10-15	10-15
Peking	10-15	10-15	10-15
Tientsin	10-15	10-15	10-15
Harbin	10-15	10-15	10-15
Manchuria	10-15	10-15	10-15
Yokohama	10-15	10-15	10-15
Kobe	10-15	10-15	10-15
Osaka	10-15	10-15	10-15
Kyoto	10-15	10-15	10-15
Edo	10-15	10-15	10-15
Manila	10-15	10-15	10-15
Cebu	10-15	10-15	10-15
Iloilo	10-15	10-15	10-15
Baguio	10-15	10-15	10-15
Manila	10-15	10-15	10-15
Cebu	10-15	10-15	10-15
Iloilo	10-15	10-15	10-15
Baguio	10-15	10-15	10-15

RAINFALL FIGURES

City	Jan. Total	Feb. Total
Tel Aviv	15.2	15.2
Jerusalem	10.5	10.5
Haifa	10.5	10.5
Ramat Gan	10.5	10.5
Bnei Brak	10.5	10.5
Ramla	10.5	10.5
Be'er Sheva	10.5	10.5
Dimona	10.5	10.5
Hebron	10.5	10.5
Nablus	10.5	10.5
Tripoli	10.5	10.5
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London	10.5	10.5
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THE ARMY

The first platoon of the 1st Paratrooper Battalion, which was announced yesterday, is expected to arrive in the next few days. The platoon is composed of 100 men and is equipped with the latest in paratrooper gear. It is expected to be deployed to the front lines in the near future.

30 TONS OF BUTTER

and 40 tons of raw materials for textile production are due in Haifa port in the next few days. The goods are being shipped from Scandinavia and are expected to arrive in the next few days.

A CATCH

with over one ton of potatoes was uncovered by inspectors of the Agricultural Department. The potatoes were found in a warehouse in the Tel Aviv district and were being stored for export.

FOR THREATENING

a clerk and creating a disturbance in the Haifa district. The man was arrested by the police and is being held in custody. He is being charged with threatening a clerk and creating a disturbance in the Haifa district.

AMONG THE GRADUATES

of a course sponsored by the Ministry of Education in Jerusalem. The graduates are expected to be employed in various government departments and are being praised for their achievements.

JEW EN ROUTE

FROM POLAND. A group of 22 Jews are to leave Poland on Friday en route to Israel. The group is being escorted by the Israeli Air Force and is expected to arrive in the next few days.

TRAIN HITS TRUCK

ACRE, Tuesday. A passenger train hit a truck crossing the tracks near the Amlur housing project here this morning. The truck driver, Shimon Pollack, 24, of Kfar Bium, was mildly injured and the vehicle slightly damaged.

There is no barrier

at the crossing where the accident took place. Several other accidents have occurred there in the past.

Hadera Woman Badly

Hurt by Motorcycle. HADERA, Tuesday. Miss Esther Nechman, of Hadera, was seriously injured today when she was knocked down by a motorcycle ridden by Menahem Zabar, of the Hativva quarter in Tel Aviv, while she was crossing Rehov Herbert Samuel here.

DEATH OF A

FIVE-YEAR-OLD. HAIFA, Tuesday. Five-year-old Yosef Ravich, who was run over yesterday by a driving school director, died of his injuries today in Rothschild Hospital.

TON OF ANTIQUITIES

FOR N.Y. MUSEUM. HAIFA, Tuesday. Nine cases of archaeological exhibits from Israel, weighing one ton, were shipped to the U.S. in the s.s. Expeditor yesterday. The exhibits are to go on show in the Metropolitan Museum in New York. The ship also took five tons of wine to the States.

WOLVES ATTACK SHEEP

ACRE, Tuesday. The sheepfold of Kibbutz Hayotrim, near Acre, was attacked last night by three wolves who slew ten lambs and bit eight others. Kibbutz members, led by a police bloodhound, followed the wolves' track for several hours but failed to find them.

Nazareth Greets Election Promise

By Mohammed Khalil Saleh, Nazareth, POST Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. The Minister of the Interior's promise for early Municipal elections and relaxation of military rule here was received with much enthusiasm and satisfaction here. The promise was the talk of Nazareth today.

In Municipal circles, however,

the promise has created some tension. All other sections — the various religious communities, the labour movements and property owners — were unconditionally satisfied.

Last month, 300 property

owners petitioned for early elections and the dissolution of the present appointed council. Last week, the Israel Labour League (Histadrut-affiliated) also demanded elections of the new Municipal Council and asked for labour representation on the Council until they take place.

A leading resident of Nazareth

the POST today said that Nazareth's promise would deal a blow to the Communist Party, which has gained much support by playing the election issue. They claimed that the Communist Party was a Communist victory, but the announcement would greatly weaken their influence, he said.

Ayalat Charges Hamekasher

With Deliberate Collision

Jerusalem, POST Reporter.

The Ayala "shervit" service in Jerusalem, which was inaugurated on Monday, had its first accident yesterday when one of its taxis and a Hamekasher bus collided near David's Building.

Police are investigating

the complaint that the accident was "deliberate" and part of the co-operative's campaign to drive the 40 taxis out of business. Nobody was injured in the accident.

Business continued to be

quite brisk for the newly founded company. A delegation of Ayala representatives visited the Director-General of the Ministry of Communication, Mr. Haim Razili, to renew its request for a license which would permit the company to set up its own stations. Mr. Razili asked the "shervit" organization not to use those of Hamekasher.

Ayala's use of these bus stops

caused the police to issue 20 summonses to the drivers yesterday. Ayala complained that this was helping Hamekasher in the competition between the two companies.

Residents of the Yafit market

benefited from the new competition. They were able to buy goods at lower prices. Hamekasher stopped at the centre's gate, claiming that the gate was dangerous because of the children. But yesterday the company changed its mind and drove through the gate.

A fight broke out between

the drivers of both companies there over the use of a station. Similar incidents occurred in Katamon and near the Egged terminal on Jaffa.

HIGHER DAN BUS

FARES REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. An agreement in principle to raise Dan bus fares was reached at a meeting in Jerusalem today between representatives of the bus companies and the Ministry of Communications.

Dr. Reiss stated that he

had not been informed of the requirements of the law, but was not informed of his shortcomings. Although he was not in possession of any of his diplomas, the petitioners said, he had submitted other documents to prove that he was able to practice medicine.

The physician also stated

that he had served as a doctor in the Israel Army, with the rank of captain. The Court was composed of Justices Olshan, Haveli and Sussman. The applicant appeared on his own behalf.

Political Armistice, Suggested By Head of J'lem Enquiry Body

Justice Cheshin called for an armistice between Opposition and Coalition members of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, for the duration of the sessions of the Enquiry Committee, which held its fourth meeting in the Supreme Court building yesterday. Not only would this "truce" speed up the enquiry, which is bound to take longer than the estimated month to collect all evidence, but it had come to the Justice's attention that certain Council members had refused to attend Council committee meetings and the city must not suffer.

The Justice who is Chairman of

the Committee, said that no witness would be given a re-hearing to correct his evidence, but would be allowed a chance to clear his personal reputation by testifying.

The Coalition had done

nothing to balance municipal opinion. He said that while the Municipality was obliged to shoulder expenses in the general field of education, health and welfare, it had no say in specifically local matters, such as water and electricity supply and transport. Time-tables, prices and network of lines were fixed by the Hamekasher bus company without consulting the local authorities. The Jerusalem Electric Corporation had agreed to merge with the Palestine Electric Corporation and close down the Jerusalem power-house, again without taking heed of opinion in the city.

Dr. Yaacobi examined the

defect incurred by the Water Department, and revealed that to all intents and purposes, the Municipality had borne the greatest burden in the foundation of the Rosh Ha'ayin water-works, and not Mekorot, the company supplying water to Jerusalem at a higher tariff than elsewhere. He suggested that the Municipality should hand over the water properties, namely the Rosh Ha'ayin plant, Mekorot, in exchange for the wells at present supplying the city.

Alternatively, Dr. Yaacobi

suggested that the Rosh Ha'ayin plant be sold to the water company, with the proceeds to be used for the construction of a new water plant. He suggested that the water company should be allowed to raise the price of water, but that the increase should be used for the construction of a new water plant.

Hotel, Rest Home

Planned for Elath

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. The construction of a 100,000 hotel and rest house at Elath will be sponsored by the Histadrut's General Cooperative Society (Hevrat Ovedim). It was announced here today. The Histadrut will mobilize IL250,000 and the Government has agreed to provide a mortgage of IL150,000 out of Development Budget funds. The Histadrut Executive, the Mithalim building workers' insurance fund and the Margot society, which operates five convalescent homes, will be the investors.

The hotel will have 22 rooms

for tourists and pavilions for convalescing workers. In addition to housing Elath as a tourist resort, the project is meant to contribute toward the settlement of the unemployed situation which has worsened since public works were suspended.

(Five workers employed at

the copper mines in the southern Negev were dismissed yesterday, and another 25 are to be released after the end of the year. The Histadrut is now to check the price calculations of the company, and a further meeting will be held with Communications Minister Sapir at a date to be set later.

Locusts in Elath

A swarm of locusts, carried by a light southeast wind, settled in Elath yesterday morning and began feeding on plants in the nearby area. The Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday.

NEARLY reports from Amman

that a 15-kilometre long swarm of locusts, the largest ever seen in Jordan, settled in the Wadi Araba yesterday.

Murder Suspect Was At

Mill, Witness Says

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (JTM). Hassan Lanbari, who is charged with the murder of Y. Murad near Beerzaba in July 1952, was working at a flour mill in the Negev town on the day of the killing. The District Court was told here today by Muhammad al-Abid, clerk at the mill and a defence witness.

He showed records that

the accused had come to the mill, as was the Bedouin custom, to grind his flour, and had paid IL2,300 in milling charges. When al-Abid said that he had already given this evidence to the police, the defence counsel asked the Court to have the police present the written statement for verification. Despite this, the Court ordered the statement to be produced.

Five Years Jail For

Stealing Again

HAIFA, Tuesday. For breaking into an O.M. City flat in Acre and stealing from it a mattress and a blanket worth IL1,500, said Salama, of Acre, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by the District Court here today. His long criminal record was taken into account.

POLICE HAVE

seized a car against a Hamekasher driver, whom they charge with having brought into Israel a through-the-Gaza route. The car was found without a Treasury permit.

2 Found in Mapam Offices Fined

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (JTM).

Imposing fines today on the two men caught last night in the Hamekasher office, last month, Magistrate, B. Gladi said he doubted the declared motives of the accused.

He fined Abraham Haras, 23

and Shlomo Zahavi, 25, IL200 each and bound them over in IL200 to be of good behaviour for two years on a charge of entering the offices with intent to annoy. A few days before their arrest a small radio transmitter was found in the room of Mr. Meir Ya'ari, M.K.

The two accused entered

the offices with their own keys. They carried a screw-driver, a flashlight and some notes from a signal course. They told police at the time that they wished to demonstrate against the friendship between Hamekasher and the Communist party in view of the implications of the Prague trial.

The statements of the two men

in the court were contradictory. The accused were found by a police officer who was on duty at the time. The accused were found in the room of Mr. Meir Ya'ari, M.K.

The charges were laid on January

22, at 20 Rehov Yehuda Halevy, M.K. Haras, who lives in the same house as Mr. Ya'ari, was charged with entering the offices with intent to annoy. Mr. Zahavi was charged with entering the offices with intent to annoy.

Police Recruit Fined

For False Statement

Abraham Waknin, 22, was fined IL10 with the option of three weeks' imprisonment by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday for having falsely filled out a form for admission to the Police force.

Waknin had declared in the

questionnaire that he had never been convicted of an offence. It was discovered shortly after he had been sworn in, however, that he had served two months in jail for housebreaking. He was subsequently dismissed.

M.K. Calls for Merger

Of G.Z., Progressives

A merger of the General Zionist and Progressive parties was called for by Mr. Simha Bahi, M.K., Organization Secretary of the General Zionist Party, at a meeting of party members in Jerusalem on Monday night.

Mr. Bahi said his party had

already sent an official invitation to the Representatives calling on them to start negotiations.

1,000 Children in Capital Have

Criminal Records Over 3 Years

By Robert Gary

One thousand Jerusalem children between the ages of nine and 16 are in the criminal records of the past three years and are desperately in need of better family and institutional guidance. Mr. Levi Avrahami, Superintendent of Police in the Jerusalem District, has told the POST.

Children have been charged

more than once, a large percentage actually having committed three and more crimes. During 1952, Mr. Avrahami disclosed, 2,165 crimes were perpetrated in the capital. Of these 37.7 per cent were committed by children, mostly from 12 to 14.

Last year, 275 cases involving

children were brought to trial and involved 440 boys and 31 girls. For most it was a repeat performance. About 1,000 cases were reported in 1951. "I refuse to call most of the young offenders 'juvenile delinquents' since they definitely are not criminal types," Mr. Avrahami stated. They are simply the products of neglect by their families and the authorities. The proportion of immigrant and native-born offenders is equal to the overall population figures.

Although the great bulk of

the youth stem from poor economic conditions was not the chief cause, Mr. Avrahami said, the number is needed. The Jerusalem Police have been operating closely with various youth groups giving lectures, movies and hand-outs.

In a move to "modernize" the

country's juvenile delinquency laws the Government is preparing a proposal that would change the existing laws to 16-year-old age limit. Under the new law, 12 to 15 would not be taken to court as is now the case with those up to 14.

Israel Exciting, But Serves Poor Food

NEW YORK, Tuesday (JTM).

The magazine "Holiday" in a single page article points out that one of the disadvantages of Israel as a tourist centre is the fact that the food, although plentiful, is rather poorly prepared.

The article calls Israel one

of the most exciting places in the world to visit because of the "spirit of hope" which prevails there.

In an article in the New York "Sunday

Evening Post" last week, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that the Israel Government was doing a good job of providing for the needs of the Jewish people, but that the food was poor.

Soviet Legation Building

To Become Bank

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. The building on Rothschild Boulevard here which housed the Soviet Legation is to become a private bank soon after the police have completed their examination of the building for close to the recent bombing.

Police took possession of the

building yesterday morning and expect to remain there for another day or two. During the three days after the departure of the Soviet Legation staff, the Bulgarian Legation is protecting the building. The building is in charge of the building to move the remaining furniture which was handed over to the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

The building is the property of

Herman and Morris Silver, father and son, directors of the Credit Union Bank Ltd at 14 Rehov Yehuda Halevy here, and is affiliated to the Credit Union Bank Company of New York.

Mr. M. Buer told the POST

that he was going to make alterations on the building to make it into his main office and a bank branch.

E. German Komsovol's

Moral Purge

BERLIN, Tuesday (UP). East German Communist youth organization has begun a purge to weed out "enemy elements" and loose-moraled persons from its two million members.

On February 11 all members

were ordered to exchange their

